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Re: Technical Assistance - Reclamation of the
Jackpile/Paguete Mine

Dear Bob:

As you know, the Pueblo has relied, almost exclusively, on the technical expertise of CERT in developing and presenting its position relative to the reclamation of the Jackpile/Paguete Mine. More recently, however, the Pueblo has been reaching out for additional assistance in the area of hydrology and mining engineering. Ron Sollimon has advised me that the Albuquerque Area Office of the BIA will be assisting us more extensively in the area of hydrology. I understand that Ron has conveyed our concerns to Warner Reeser and I'm sure that Warner has discussed the particulars with you. Briefly, we are very concerned with the groundwater recovery levels in relationship to the level of backfill in the various pits and the height of the highwalls in relationship to the nearby Village of Paguate. We realize that the Pueblo will eventually find itself in the position of negotiating with Anaconda/ARCO in terms of dollars. Nevertheless, the Pueblo must develop a position which is technically defensible as we go into the final stages of the environmental impact statement.

With all of the above in mind, I believe that an expansion of TA-675 would be in order. Specifically, reclamation issues concerning levels of pit backfill, pit highwalls, groundwater recovery levels, and waste pile sloping could best be addressed by the Pueblo if specialists/experts in these areas were made available to us. I appreciate the assistance of CERT and we will continue to rely on its expertise in the future.

Sincerely,

PUEBLO OF LAGUNA

Edwin M. Martinez
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